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1. THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WHICH OCCUPIED MOST OF APRIL 8
PERMREPS LUNCH WAS THE POSSIBLE NATO SUMMIT MEETING OF HEADS OF
GOVERNMENT ON MAY 28 AND 29. THIS DISCUSSION HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED

IN REFTEL. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED:

2. THE MIDDLE EAST. THE QUESTION OF A BRIEFING ON THE MIDDLE
EAST WAS RAISED BY THE SYG TO WHOM AMBASSADOR BRUCE HAD PREVIOUSLY
EXPRESSED HIS DOUBTS AS TO THE WISDOM AND UTILITY OF BRIEFING THE
COUNCIL AT THIS TIME ON THE SUBJECT. THE SYG SUGGESTED THAT,
AS THERE MIGHT BE
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NOR UNDERSECRETARY SISCO EXPECTED TO BE IN BRUSSELS SOON, AN
IMMEDIATE BRIEFING COULD BE DISPENSED WITH, AND PERHAPS THIS
SUBJECT MIGHT NOT BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL UNTIL THE MAY
MINISTERIAL MEETING. LUNS WAS SUPPORTED IN THIS VIEW BY

AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE, AND THERE WAS NO OBJECTION BY ANY PERMREP.

3. SYG ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(A) LUNS INFORMED PERMREPS THAT THE STUDY OF STANDARDIZATION OF WEAPONS IN THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WHICH HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY AMBASSADOR DE ROSE (FRANCE) WOULD SOON BE COMPLETED.

(B) ALSO, A PAPER ON THE REORGANIZATION OF THE NATO ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WAS ALMOST READY FOR SUBMISSION.

(C) FINALLY, LUNS, NOTING THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE A SERIOUS DEFICIENCY IN ALLIED CAPACITY TO TRACK LOW-FLYING AIR INTRUDERS, SAID ASYG GARDINER TUCKER THOUGHT NAC MIGHT WELCOME A BRIEFING ON THE AIRBORNE RADAR SYSTEM. THIS SUGGESTION WAS WELCOMED. BRUCE

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